



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651-0009]

### U.S. Customs Declaration (CBP Form 6059B)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The information collection is published in the *Federal Register* to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and must be submitted (no later than [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651-0009 in the subject line and the agency name. Please use the following method to submit comments:

Email. Submit comments to: [CBP\\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov).

Due to COVID-19-related restrictions, CBP has temporarily suspended its ability to receive public comments by mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. 20229-1177, Telephone number 202-325-0056 or via email [CBP\\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov). Please note that the contact information provided here is solely

for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877-227-5511, (TTY) 1-800-877-8339, or CBP website at <https://www.cbp.gov/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

### **Overview of This Information Collection**

**Title:** U.S. Customs Declaration

**OMB Number:** 1651-0009

**Form Number:** CBP Form 3059B

**Current Actions:** Extension without change

**Type of Review:** Extension (without change)

**Affected Public:** Individuals

**Abstract:** CBP Form 6059B, Customs Declaration, is used as a standard report of the identity and residence of each person arriving in the United States. This form is also used to declare imported articles to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in accordance with 19 CFR 122.27, 148.12, 148.13, 148.110, 148.111; 31 U.S.C. 5316 and Section 498 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1498).

Section 148.13 of the CBP regulations prescribes the use of the CBP Form 6059B when a written declaration is required of a traveler entering the United States. Generally, written declarations are required from travelers arriving by air or sea. Section 148.12 requires verbal declarations from travelers entering the United States, unless an inspecting officer requires a written declaration on CBP Form 6059B. Generally, verbal declarations are required from travelers arriving by land.

CBP continues to find ways to improve the entry process through the use of mobile technology to ensure it is safe and efficient. To that end, CBP is testing the operational effectiveness of a process which allows travelers to use a mobile app to submit information to CBP prior to arrival. This process, called Mobile Passport Control (MPC) which is a mobile app that allows travelers to self-segment upon arrival into the United States — a process also known as intelligent queuing. The submission of information in advance using MPC allows CBP to direct travelers to the appropriate queue in primary or self-segment directly to secondary if additional inspection is necessary. The continued testing also helps determine under what circumstances CBP should require a written customs declaration (CBP Form 6059B) and when it is

beneficial to admit travelers who make an oral customs declaration during the primary inspection. MPC eliminates the administrative tasks performed by the officer during a traditional inspection and in most cases will eliminate the need for respondents/travelers to fill out a paper declaration. MPC provides a more efficient and secure in person inspection between the CBP Officer and the traveler.

Another electronic process that CBP is testing in lieu of the paper CBP Form 6059B is the Automated Passport Control (APC). This is a CBP program that facilitates the entry process for travelers by providing self-service kiosks in CBP's Primary Inspection area that travelers can use to make their declaration.

Both APC and MPC allow an electronic method for travelers to answer the questions that appear on CBP Form 6059B without filling out a paper form.

A sample of CBP Form 6059B can be found at <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms?title=6059>. This collection is available in the following languages: English, French, Vietnamese, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese, Hebrew, Spanish, Dutch, Arabic, Farsi, and Punjabi.

**Type of Information Collection:** Customs Declaration (Form 3059B)

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 34,006,000

**Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:** 1

**Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:** 34,006,000

**Estimated Time per Response:** 4 minutes or 0.067 hours

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,278,402**

**Type of Information Collection:** Verbal Declarations

**Estimated Number of Respondents: 233,000,000**

**Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1**

**Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 233,000,000**

**Estimated Time per Response: 10 seconds or 0.003 hours**

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 699,000**

**Type of Information Collection:** APC Terminals

**Estimated Number of Respondents: 70,000,000**

**Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1**

**Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 70,000,000**

**Estimated Time per Response: 2 minutes or 0.033 hours**

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,310,000**

**Type of Information Collection:** MPC App

**Estimated Number of Respondents: 500,000**

**Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1**

**Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 500,000**

**Estimated Time per Response: 2 minutes or 0.033 hours**

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,500**

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